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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed documents is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English.

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. Sho 59-2152, which is related to U.S. Patent No. 4,699,600; U.S. Patent No. Re. 34,778 (reissue of U.S. Patent No. 4,699,600); U.S. Patent No. 4,893,051; and U.S. Patent No. Re. 35,429 (reissue of U.S. Patent No. 4,893,051).

2. Japanese Patent Publication No. Hei 2-39073, which is related to U.S. Patent No. 4,540,910.

3. Japanese Patent Publication No. Hei 3-22033.

4. Japanese Patent Publication No. Hei 7-11974.

5. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. Sho 58-59581, which is related to U.S. Patent No. 4,488,081.

6. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. Hei 1-319284.

7. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. Hei 5-101869.

8. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. Hei 6-45050, which is related to U.S. Patent No. 5,320,569.

9. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. Hei 9-7733, which is related to U.S. Patent No. 6,094,000.

10. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. Hei 11-3765, which is related to U.S. Patent No. 6,078,129.

11. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. Hei 11-329668.

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